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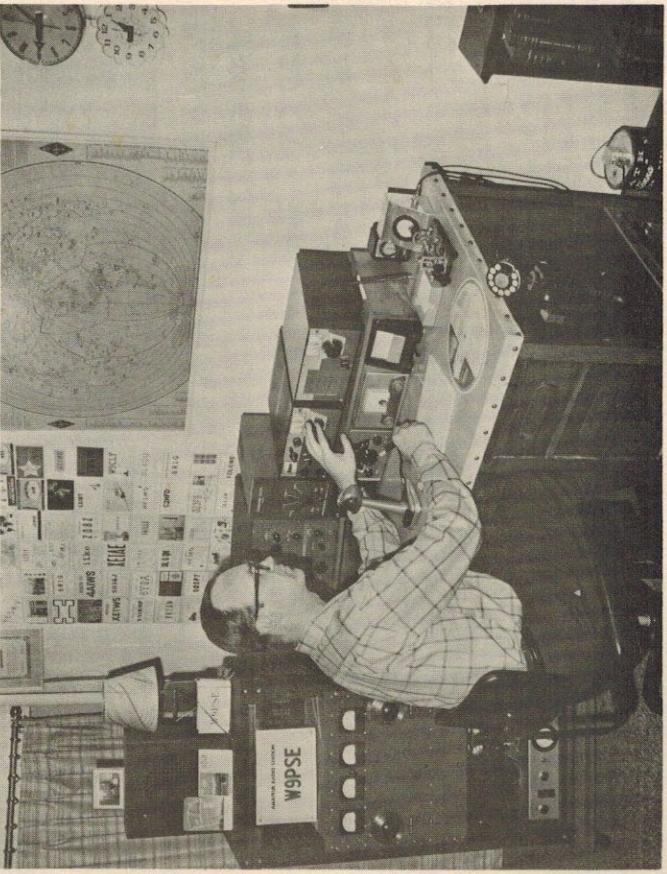
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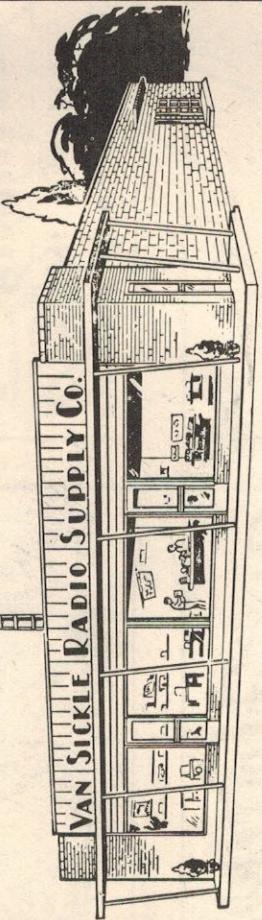
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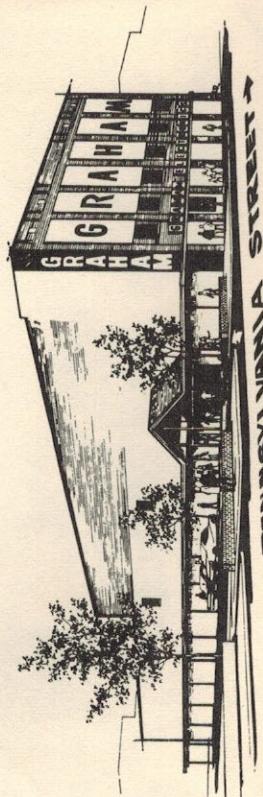
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Meetings start promptly at 8:00 PM.

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Ama-chever welcomes information on coming events of other clubs in the area for publication in Ama-chever in the program section.

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## COMING PROGRAMS

June 26 Sorri but no official IRC Field Day  
(What a change from what it used to be.  
Are we getting that old!)

July and August Gon' fishin'

September 11 Fall Kick Off. Everybody bring  
the slides taken on the summer vacation.

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## Program Review

The annual Swap and Shop and Monumental Auction  
was held as usual on the second Friday of May.  
There seems to be fewer and fewer builders around  
but still some. IRC made 4.25 in commission and  
Louie Lithecome K9EAT did the auctioneering with  
an assist by Bob Osterhous W9PFE. The 10 cent  
items went OK but the \$1.00 and up stuff was a  
different story

On June 12 Cros Bartlett W9MC gave us a code test  
from some tapes he had prepared. There were  
enough finishers to let IRC hold her head up with  
Bill Lueth carrying off 1st place at 20 wpm.  
Several more would have passed a test except for  
punctuation marks. Cros presented the Club with  
the 3 tapes he had made, with copy all typed out.  
Perhaps we can use these next fall in a code class  
for the Extra. Many thanks Cros for your work.

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After Club last Friday Prent WN9ECD had a field  
day all by his self on the Mission rig set up on  
the Novice band. He says "75 watts sure does make

## THE PRESIDENT'S FREQUENCY

The first half of 1970 has been good for the  
IRC with some good programs and increasing  
attendance. Also, our membership is up after  
the big mailing of the March issue of Ama Chever.

New members in 1970 include Wel Peterson WN9ZYS,  
Brent Rector WN9ECD, Ben Gaither WA9VCA,  
M. B. Flanigan WA9PLG, Fred Campbell W9CFZ, Wm.  
R. Vivrett WN9DEN, Jane Heaton WN9AVL, Ted Greiner  
K9CQW and Ed Cronk W9ATV. A lot of old timers  
have renewed membership and are attending meetings  
These are W9JYP, W9SM, W9EIV, W9JWA, W9KAS, Bob  
Richam, W9GAR, W9ZRK, W9YKH, W9YHV, KOIEH, W9ASM,  
W9KJF, W9GGP, K9CBY, W9BIO, K9AOM, WAOVPU,  
W9APG, W9UEM, K9JSF, exW9CUD and W9AK. That's  
23 calls added to our membership list and we are  
sure glad to see it getting back up there where  
it used to be. It is now at 67 and we hope to  
go over 100. We will not be meeting during July  
and August but we will be looking for all of you  
at the Fall kick-off September 11th. In between  
time we will be lining up interesting programs  
for the rest of the year. If you collected slides  
of your vacation experiences bring them to the  
September 11 meeting. Another issue of Amachever  
will be out just before that meeting to remind  
you.

73,

Pon. W9JVF

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Ed Cronk W9ATV is in England for a few days on  
business, but doesn't expect to have time to visit

The screening of a film by the Indianapolis Water Company was seen by YLs as well as the OM's. At another meeting a new technique in adjusting watches was demonstrated, using an "Electronic Watch Timer. The ticks were printed on a moving tape and if the column leaned to the left it was going too slow. If they leaned to the right it was going too fast. A watch could be set on the nose while you waited! I can remember when my uncle, a Railroader, would have to leave his watch at the jewelers for several days to get it set to pass the regular RR inspection. Henry Armstead, a local watchmaker, put on the demo. at the request of Arnold Dickmier.

A warning was put out to clean up the Ham Shack because more "Visitations" would be made during the coming week. Joe Brand W9BNS was busy with advertising QSLs made at his print shop.

A code class was being planned and Rob Flanders, W9CKP was on the air with code practice from his station on Station Street. (Bob, what ever happened to that carved wooden head that used to sit on the HQ129x?) It was noted that the RI was in town to check on some local bootleggers. There was a real rash of that disease in the thirties with the Bootleggers using tube numbers for calls. They even had a list published listing names and tube calls. Fortunately The RI latched on to one of the lists and that was the end of that. Geo Wood was listed as the newest call in town. W9CZO.

FLASH Jerry Lucas W9APPJ, now W9BS, announced the arrival of an 8 lb, 2 oz second harmonic, later to be known as W 9 or Gary. The harmonic is now a senior at Purdue. Harry Butler W9QVF, now W9 announced he was married and gave his new QTH. It was suggested that we have a club calling frequency so the local club members could get traffic around town (160m).

Bob Caskey W9DNQ

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#### COVER STORY

This months cover carries the photo of Bob Osterhous' Rig W9PSE. Bob was licensed in 1950 and now operates a Drake TR4 10 - 80m Transceiver with an RV4 remote VFO. The receiver is an HQ129x with a SS3 Slicer. He also has 6 62m converters. A 6m FM Motorola base and mobile equipment is used for local contacts. You can count eleven antennas at Bobs QTH! A TH3 Hi-Gain tri band beam is on a tower. 80 & 40 are covered with dipoles and a ground plane is used for 6FM.

Bob graduated from Purdue PSTE in 1954, He went to Ft. Monmouth Signal School and to Radar School there. He now holds a Professional Engineers Certificate from the State of Indiana. Another interest included electronic Organ and experimenting with intergrated circuits. You will find Bob normally on 10 or 40 SSB.

He operates, with his father the Welding Equipment and Supply Co., supplying Welding and Spot-

Welding equipment to the Trade in this area.  
W9PSE has been a long and willing supporter to  
the Club, serving as Secretary in 1959 and as  
Vice President in 1960.

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### SPLATTER

Bob Flanders W9CKP, mentioned earlier in 20 Years Ago, received a quarter page write up in the Sunday Star May 10th acclaiming him as Indiana-polis' Bowling King with an average of 204-27. Bob is Chief Engineer at WFBM.

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We saw this ad some of you old timers will remember  
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Bob was active on the air here and worked for WFBM for many years.

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Jerry Bramblett W9POF visited ARRL headquarters on a vacation trip several weeks ago and got the usual Red Carpet treatment. He was impressed with the building and organization. Jerry recommends the visit to all of us who may be in that area on our vacations this summer. Many of you will remember Marsh Lincolns description of his visit there several years ago, which was supplemented with his slides, to give us a vivid description of the set up there.

The Club welcomed two new members at last Fri. Business Meeting.

Brett Dector W9CECD  
Mel Peterson W9CXS

Mels father is ol' Hank Peterson W9ZPK long time club member. We're very happy to have you two boys as members of IRC. The President presented them with their IRC Certificates and Cards.

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Incidentally, somebody said the addition of these two Highschoolers to our membership now brings the average age of the IRC membership to below fifty! I thought I was feeling younger.

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### Antenna Party

The Antennas at the School for the Blind took a beating last winter. Chief Engineer Bob Caskey, with Bob Osterhous W9PSE and Ron Williams W9JVR after clearing the roof of leaves drained off about 6" of water and then started the work of putting the dipoles back in place. Rain caused a QRT but every thing was finished by the next week end when the six meter ground plane went up.

Chief Engineer Bill Lueth W9AI was assisted by Paul Beckerich W9SUN, Bill Hickam and Ron (again) at the Missions Building, to repair and raise the Quad back to where it should be. We hear Ron carried some of the tar from the roof home on his shoes and tracked it into the home QTH!

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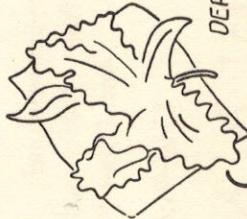
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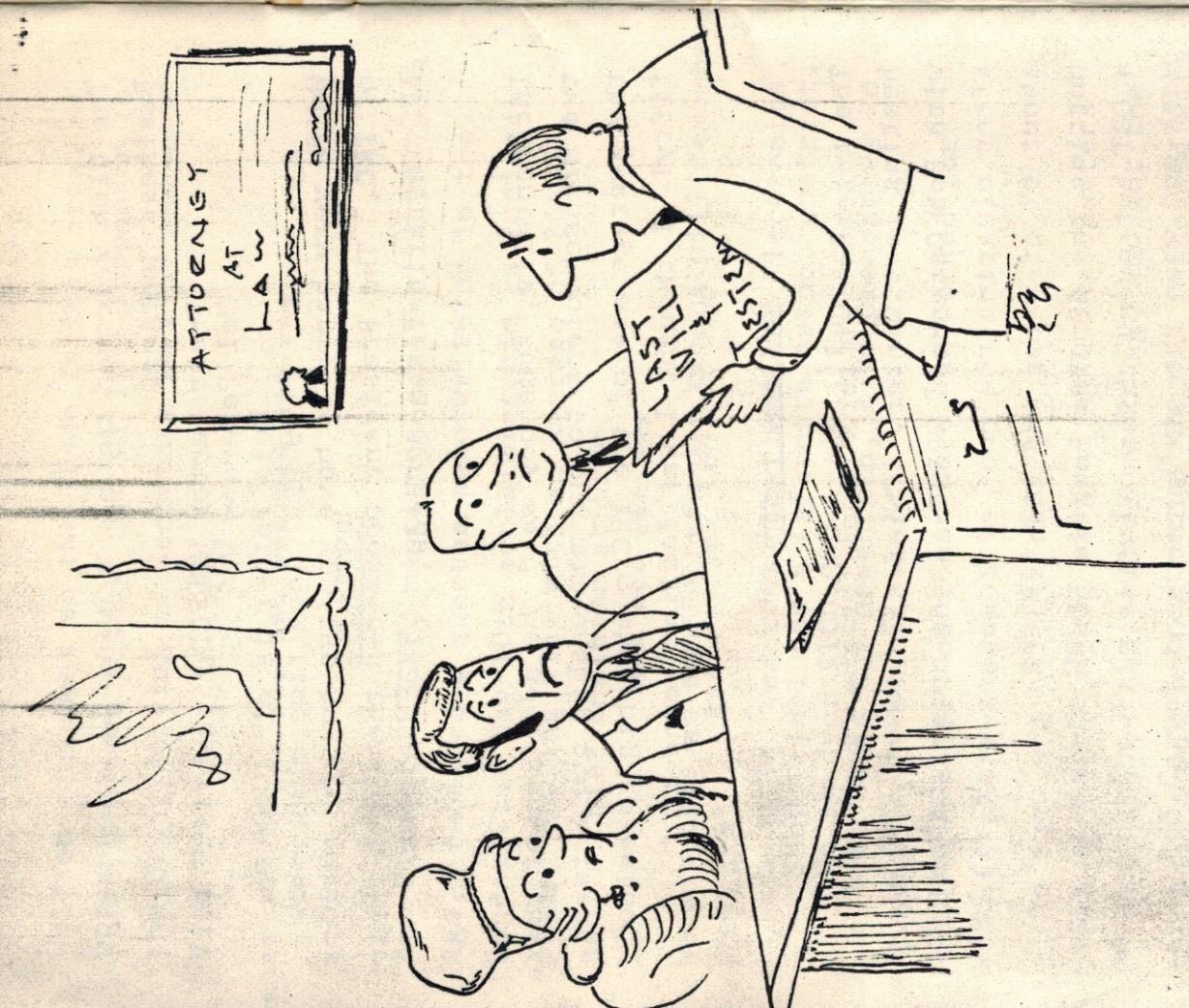
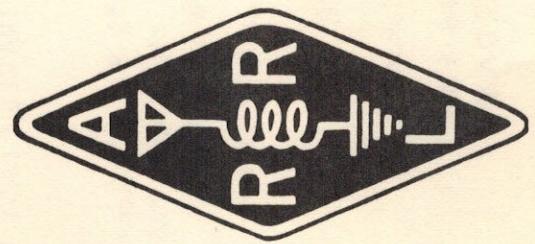
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